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Greetings:

It's interesting that you have requested public input concerning the overabundance of area codes. This is a problem that I contemplated last year and arrived at a possible solution, but wasn't sure with whom to share it.

Many phone numbers are additional numbers at the same location, especially fax and modem lines. The addition of a prefix for these additional lines would substantially reduce the issuance of new unique numbers. For example:
home or small business - 717-555-0856;
fax - 717-FAX-555-0856;
modem - 717-MOD-555-0856.

In addition, locations with a small number of additional phone lines could have a suffix added for additional lines. For example:
main - 717-555-0856;
line 2 - 717-555-0856-2;
line 3 - 717-555-0856-3;
etc.

For large companies, most of whom have computerized phone systems, do not allow numerous direct dial numbers. Allocate 1 direct dial number and require there own system to assign internal extensions. When someone calls, they are instructed to enter the known extension, or given other options.

I hope these prove helpful and look forward to a response.

Thank You,
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